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Guess who came to town?

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We recently met up with this gentleman as he was strolling through the downtown area. WINCHESTER NEWS STAFF PHOTO/JOYCE WESTNER

On a recent sunny day, while strolling through the downtown business district, the Winchester News ran into the most unlikely person.

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His name is Ron Diberto, but he's best know as the "Mill City Santa" from Lowell.

So, what was he doing in Winchester?

Dilberto said he wanted to see what Winchester's like so he was wandering around downtown.

And he was nice enough to let us snap his photo! Happy holidays!

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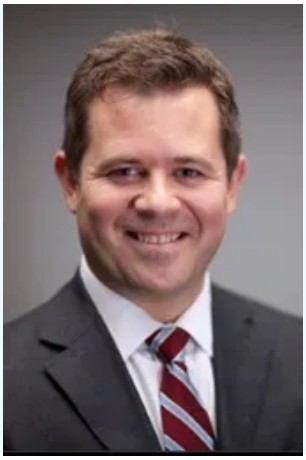

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